



JUNE 21: HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

At Habitat for Humanity, we build. We build because we believe that everyone, everywhere should have a healthy, affordable place to call home. When a family helps build or improve a place they can call home, they are also building a better community, a better life for themselves.

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Sunday

June 21, 2026

9:30am

Livestream at 9:30am on
our Facebook page.

Welcome to worship at
[Mt Nittany Church](#)

Knowing our Father has
prepared a place for us
gives us hope.

Giving:

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Greeting

Prelude

Centering Words John 14: 1-4

Jesus said: "Don't let your hearts
be troubled.

**Trust in God, and trust also in
me.**

There is more than enough
room in my Father's home.

**If this were not so, would I
have told you that I am going
to prepare a place for
you?**

When everything is ready, I will
come and get you, so that you
will always be with
me where I am.

**And you know the way to
where I am going."**

Opening Prayer

Holy God, what a privilege it is to worship you this day. As we gather virtually and in person, may our praises be a pleasant sound to your ears. May each Sunday remind us of your risen Son. May each sunrise remind us of the Resurrection. The depth of your love for your creation is unfathomable. The depth of your love for humanity is amazing. The depth of your love for me renders me speechless.

Thank you for being our heavenly parent. Thank you for instructing us, guiding us, and even for disciplining us. We are grateful that you have prepared a place where we will be at home forever.

As we journey through our lives, may we remember your power. May we be in awe of your holiness. May we experience your presence. And may we be emboldened to witness to your grace.

In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

***Opening Praise**

We Will Glorify the King of Kings #2087

Faith of Our Fathers #710

Scripture

Romans 5: 1-5

Children's Message

Message

“Hope does not disappoint”

***Gospel Praise**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee #452

He Will Hold Me Fast

The Peace

***Offertory Response**

Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpets

***Prayers of Thanksgiving**

A Litany for Father's Day by Rev. Lori J. Steffensen

For the man who sired us, O God, we give you thanks.

For the men who bandaged our scrapes and bruises, who fed us chicken soup and wiped our noses, O God, we give you thanks.

For the men who listened to us and encouraged us, O God, we give you thanks.

For the men who made us do chores and schoolwork, who provided food for us to eat, made us observe our bedtimes, and watched the clock until we came home, O God, we give you thanks.

For the men who challenged us, taught and disciplined us, O God, we give you thanks.

For the men of old, who were your singers, prophets, and judges, for David, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Moses, O God, we give you thanks.

For the men who walked as your disciples and spread the good news, for Peter, James, John and Paul, O God, we give you thanks.

For those who wished to have children and never did, O God, we ask your comfort.

For those who were not the fathers they wished to be, O God, we ask your comfort.

For those whose fathers were unable to nurture them, O God, we ask your comfort.

For those whose fathers are not present due to death, illness, distance or dispute, O God, we ask your comfort.

For those fathers who have lost their children, O God, we ask your comfort.

Holy God, on this day, we ask you to shelter us under your steadfast wings, to nurture us with your spirit, to renew our joy. In the name of the Christ, we offer our prayers, thanksgiving and praise. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

***Closing Praise**

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee #430

***Sending**

Postlude

*You are invited to stand as you are able or willing.

Tithing

The offering plate is on the table at the back of the Sanctuary.

Prayer List

Pat Sankey, Barbara Gotwalt, Darla Franks, Deb Poulin, Carol Bair, Arica Monsell, Pam Swimley, Joan Lassman, Rev. Jim Williams, Randy Crockett, Maya, Leah (sisters), Abby Strouse, Cindy VanDruff, Bruce Johnson

Announcements

Galaxy Vacation Bible School

Our Vacation Bible School will take place on Thursday, June 25, and Friday, June 26, from 6-8 pm. Please check out our "Galaxy" in the lobby area, complete with planets and stars. Please pull a few stars that contain items for our Birthday Bags for the Food Bank. You can purchase the items on the star and return the items to the church in the next few weeks. We will continue to collect items through Sunday, June 21. We also have a container for donations. Please help us make this Vacation Bible School out of this world!!!

Giving Garden

Beginning June 10 and continuing through September, work sessions will be held in The Giving Garden every Wednesday evening (6:15-7pm) and Saturday mornings (9-10am) as weather permits. The spring weather has made planting difficult, and we anticipate having a great need for help during June especially -- please give an hour or two and join in! We do occasionally skip a session if we are all caught up. If you are interested in this ministry, you can join the Facebook group ("The Giving Garden at Mt Nittany UMC") or give Joanna your email address to receive updates and schedule changes. We do not garden in the rain :)

